

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (*Original*) A recording/reproducing apparatus comprising:

a video data storing section storing video data and a copy control information in a recording medium;

a determination section determining, on copy control information, whether the image data is only-one-generation-copy-enabled data or copy-unrestricted-enabled data;

a reduced-image storing section reducing a designated image contained in the video data and storing the reduced image in the recording medium, if the determination section determines that the image data is the copy-unrestricted-enabled data;

a inhibition section inhibiting a storage operation of the reduced-image storing section, if the determination section determines that the video data is the only-one-generation-copy-enabled data; and

a video data reproduction section reproducing the video data stored in the recording medium by the video data storing section, based on the reduced image designated.

2. (*Original*) The recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a position information storing section storing, in the recording medium, position information indicative of a storage position of the designated image contained in the stored video data, if the determination section determines that the video data is the only-one-generation-copy-enabled data, and wherein the video data reproduction section reproduces the video data stored in the recording medium based on one of the position information and reduced image designated.

3. (*Original*) The recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a displaying section displaying a message that the reduced image cannot be

stored, if the determination section determines that the video data is the only-one-generation-copy-enabled data.

4. (*Currently Amended*) A method for recording and reproducing video data, comprising ~~the steps of~~ :

storing video data and a copy control information in a recording medium;

determining whether the video data is only-one-generation-copy-enabled data or copy-unrestricted-enabled data, based on the copy control signal;

reducing a designated image contained in the video data and storing the reduced image in the recording medium, if the video data is determined to be the copy-unrestricted-enabled data;

inhibiting storage of the reduced image if the video data is determined to be the only-one-generation-copy-enabled data; and

reproducing the video data stored in the recording medium when the reduced image has been designated.

5. (*Currently Amended*) The method according to claim 4, further comprising ~~the step of~~ storing, in the recording medium, position information indicative of a storage position of the designated image contained in the stored video data, if the video data is determined to be the only-one-generation-copy-enabled data.

6. (*Currently Amended*) The method according to claim 4, further comprising ~~the step of~~ displaying a message that the reduced image cannot be stored, if the video data is determined to be the only-one-generation-copy-enabled data.

7. (*Cancelled*).